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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*,
23 November 2000, *official holiday*.]

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Friday,
24 November 2000.]

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 27 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 71st plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
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1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)
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 - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637*)
 - (ii) Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)
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 - (ii) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)
 - (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)

* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The sixth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 27 November to 8 December 2000, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/105 of 9 December 1999.

The 14th meeting of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and Observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to Room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of Films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown on Wednesday, 29 November, at 1 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold its third plenary meeting on Monday, 27 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Tuesday, 28 and Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at 10 a.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*List of speakers*

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda items 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review) and 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates: Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4231st meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 21 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1109)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and South Africa, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2000/1107), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Mali, Bangladesh, China, the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Tunisia, Namibia, Argentina, Ukraine, Malaysia and Canada, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Egypt, Jordan and Cuba.

The representatives of Israel and the Permanent Observer of Palestine made further statements.

4232nd meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/35).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

36th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.8 and L.37

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 94 (d).

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa [95 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.14 and L.34

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (e).

Additional sponsors

Estonia and Latvia joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

31st meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Bangladesh and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that it take note with appreciation of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account, contained in document A/55/353.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Other matters

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Secretary-General would address the Committee on Monday, 27 November, on the reports of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

36th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Introduction of an action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

The representative of Canada introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17, as orally amended, by a vote of 131 to none, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon, Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were made by the United States, Cuba, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 164.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Mauritania (on behalf of the African States), Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Asian States). A statement was also made by the representative of Togo.

The Committee thus concluded its work.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

48th meeting

Social and human rights questions: human rights [14 (g)]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5)

The President of the Council reported on the informal consultations held on the draft decision entitled "Grave and massive violations of human rights of the Palestinian people by Israel".

The Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the observers of Israel and Palestine.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the United States and Japan.

The draft decision I was adopted by a recorded vote of 21 to 19, with 11 abstentions.

The representative of Morocco made a statement regarding her vote.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Canada and India.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the issue.

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2000

452nd meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed progress made in the establishment of pre-sessional working group on article 22. It also

held a discussion on the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories in the light of article 16 of the Convention and decided to postpone to its next session in May 2001.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the third periodic report of Canada.

453rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Canada.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (CAT/C/49/Add.2). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of these items in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2000

70th and 71st meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Colombia (22 November 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeals for 2001, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The speakers will include Ms. Liv Ullmann, Honorary Chair for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Binta Mansaray, Sierra Leone; and Ms. Habiba Dalil, Afghanistan. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator, a.i. The theme of this year's launch is "Women and War".

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 27 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

UNDOF (S/2000/1103)

Other matters

3.30 p.m. 4233rd (closed) meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1111)

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Third plenary meeting

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 37th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
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1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39
 2. Macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries [92 (e)]

Morning* 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.39 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.19 (92 (a)), A/C.2/55/L.24 and L.25* (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a))

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m. 32nd meeting Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Reports of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/55/305, A/55/502 and A/55/507 and Add.1)

Address by the Secretary-General

Morning*- informal consultations Conference Room 5
1 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (A/55/443 and Corr.1 and A/55/531))

3 p.m.**- informal consultations Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/55/477 and A/55/624))

7 p.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 5
10 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.- informal consultations Conference Room 6
6 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on crime of aggression

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*- Conference Room 1
1 p.m.

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL
REGULATIONS AND RULES

3p.m. - Conference Room 1
6 p.m.

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11.30 a.m.- Conference Room 10
1 p.m. closed meeting

3 p.m.- Conference Room 10
6 p.m. closed meeting

Subject

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- Trusteeship Council Chamber
1 p.m. closed meeting

3 p.m.- Trusteeship Council Chamber
6 p.m. closed meeting

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

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|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
1. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]
Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4/Rev.1
 2. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee
 3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)
 4. Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 27 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 92 (a) (Trade and development) (A/C.2/55/L.2))

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND SIXTH COMMITTEES

(on agenda item 93 (b) (Business and development)
(A/C.2/55/L.32))

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda items 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review) and 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing session

A briefing session on Ratification and Implementation Legislation of the Statute of the International Criminal Court will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The briefing session is intended for delegations from least developed countries and from non-governmental organizations attending the sixth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court and are organized by the International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law. Interpretation will be provided in English and French.

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Fifty-fifth session

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.44)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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Workshop

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 23 November 2000

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

454th meeting

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item in closed session.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the second periodic report of Cameroon.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

455th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Cameroon.

Organizational and other matters [2]

Members of the Committee received a briefing from the Chairman on the outcome of the twelfth meeting of the Chairpersons of treaty bodies.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on Guatemala.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2000

456th meeting

The Chairman announced the country rapporteurs appointed for the twenty-sixth session of the Committee (30 April - 18 May 2001).

The Committee adopted its contribution to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and presented its concluding observations on Guatemala.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the twenty-fifth session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2000

72nd meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20).

73rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of concluding observations on Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20).

The Committee then continued its consideration of concluding observations on Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeals for 2001, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The speakers will include Ms. Liv Ullmann, Honorary Chair for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Binta Mansaray, Sierra Leone; and Ms. Habiba Dalil, Afghanistan. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator, a.i. The theme of this year's launch is "Women and War".

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World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and LoveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Mauritania

H.E. Mr. Mahfoudh Ould Deddach

Asian States:

Kyrgyzstan

H.E. Ms. Elmira S. Ibraimova

Eastern European States:

Slovenia

H.E. Mr. Ernest Petrič

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Brazil

H.E. Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr.

Western European and other States:

Germany

H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 28 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

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| 10 a.m. | consultations of the whole
(closed) | Consultation Room |
| Guinea-Bissau | | |
| Other matters | | |
| 11 a.m. | 4236th meeting | Security Council
Chamber |
| 1. Adoption of the agenda | | |
| 2. The situation in East Timor | | |
| 3 p.m. | 4237th meeting | Security Council
Chamber |
| 1. Adoption of the agenda | | |
| 2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo | | |

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Third plenary session

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| 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |
| 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 73rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine action [47]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/542)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.1)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

3 p.m.*- informal consultations Conference
6.30 p.m. (closed) Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

7 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
10 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT*Sixth session*

10 a.m.- informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 6

3 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 6

Informal consultations on crime of aggression

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL
REGULATIONS AND RULES

10 a.m.- Conference
1 p.m. Room 1

3 p.m.- Conference
6 p.m. Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva
3. Executive session on safety and security of United Nations personnel

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- Trusteeship
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

3 p.m.- Trusteeship
6 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 28 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+i0. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - Conference
10 a.m. closed meeting Room 6

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. - Conference
10.15 a.m. closed meeting Room E

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP (on candidatures)

9.30 a.m. - Conference
10.15 a.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.4)

1.15 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 6

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on climate change: A/C.2/55/L.23)

2 p.m. - Conference
3 p.m. closed meeting Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

2 p.m. - Conference
3 p.m. closed meeting Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 100 (Globalization and interdependence): A/C.2/55/L.36)

4 p.m. - Conference
5.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships))

6 p.m. - Conference
10 p.m. closed meeting Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m. - Conference room
10 p.m. closed meeting to be announced

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 74th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476) (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39) 2. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)] 3. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43) [33] 4. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37] 5. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174] | | |
| 3 p.m. | 75th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| <p>Question of Palestine [41]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Report of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35) (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639) (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48) | | |

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE					
10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 2	3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 2	7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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FIFTH COMMITTEE			JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES		
10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3			
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5	10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
			3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 27 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4233rd (private) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1111)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4233rd meeting, held in private on 27 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the Security Council met with the Ministerial Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

"The members of the council and the Ministerial Committee had a constructive discussion."

4234th (private) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4234th meeting, held in private on 27 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation to the representative of Israel in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the council and the representative of Israel had a constructive discussion."

4235th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2000/1103)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1124, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1124).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1124) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1328 (2000).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/36).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

71st plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.32/Rev.1)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 39.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.32/Rev.1 (resolution 55/43).

The representative of Poland (also on behalf of Chile, the Czech Republic, India, Mali, the Republic of Korea, Portugal and the United States) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 39.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637)*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/90, A/55/92, A/55/123, A/55/124, A/55/125, A/55/212, A/55/317, A/55/319, A/55/333, A/55/347, A/55/415, A/55/416, A/55/418, A/55/620)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)*

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.41.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/55/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Venezuela, Norway, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Mexico, Pakistan, South Africa, Bangladesh, Japan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and India.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that sub-item (d) of agenda item 20 (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan) would be considered together with agenda item 46 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

72nd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637)*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/90, A/55/92, A/55/123, A/55/124, A/55/125, A/55/212, A/55/317, A/55/319, A/55/333, A/55/347, A/55/415, A/55/416, A/55/418, A/55/620)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)*

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Ukraine, Egypt, China, the Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea (also on behalf of Australia, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu), Argentina and Madagascar.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 71st plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/55/L.16 (resolution 55/44) and A/55/L.41 (resolution 55/45).

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36 and A/55/L.38 would be taken at a later date. The Assembly was also informed that additional draft resolutions would also be submitted under this item.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

37th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Additional sponsors

A/C.2/55/L.19: Burkina Faso; A/C.2/55/L.24: Armenia, Belarus, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Israel, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Philippines, Russian Federation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

32nd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee in connection with the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502 and A/55/507 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta and Liechtenstein), Norway, Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Cuba.

The Chairman, at the request of the Group of 77 to address the Committee on the subject at a later date, informed the Committee that the Group of 77 and any other delegations, may be invited to do so on Wednesday, 29 November, in the morning, but that the Committee would revert to the consideration of the reports related to the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations at a later stage upon receipt of the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Organization of work

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

24th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission, H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada), declared open the sixth session of the Preparatory Commission.

The representatives of South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, Spain and Cameroon spoke.

The Secretary made a statement.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

14th meeting

Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international intergovernmental event [2]

Action on draft decision A/AC.257/L.4/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), made a statement in connection with the revised draft decision, as contained in document A/AC.257/L.4/Rev.1, and orally corrected the text.

The Committee was reminded of the oral statement from the Controller read out by the Secretary of the Committee in connection with the revised draft decision.

The Committee adopted the revised draft decision, as orally corrected.

Draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session

The Committee had before it a draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session (in English only).

Following statements by the representatives of Kenya, the Sudan, Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Chile, as well as a response by the Executive Coordinator of the Financing for Development Secretariat, the Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session, as orally corrected.

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and the Rapporteur presented the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational and first substantive session contained in documents A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1.

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

The Committee adopted the report of the Preparatory Committee and authorized the Rapporteur, in close cooperation with the other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat to finalize the report, incorporating the proceedings of the day.

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark), made a concluding statement and declared closed the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights****COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2000

74th (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20).

The Committee then considered the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1).

75th meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee heard a presentation by the World Conference on Racism team on the preparations for the World Conference.

Mr. Kenneth Rattray, member of the Committee, then briefed the Committee on his participation at a regional expert meeting held in preparation for the World Conference.

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1) in closed session.

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2000

76th and 77th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held a day of general discussion on Article 15.1 (c) of the Covenant.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Bangladesh (27 November 2000)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: United Arab Emirates (27 November 2000)

Ratification: South Africa (27 November 2000)*

Annex XIII - International Finance Corporation (IFC) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 2 April 1959

Application: Norway (22 November 2000)*

Annex XIV - International Development Association (IDA) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 13 February 1962

Application: Norway (22 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Annex XV - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Geneva, 4 October 1977

*Application: Norway (22 November 2000)**

Annex XVI - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 16 December 1977

*Application: Norway (22 November 2000)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Annex XVII - United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Vienna, 3 July 1987

*Application: Norway (22 November 2000)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeals for 2001, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be held *today*, 28 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The speakers will include Ms. Liv Ullmann, Honorary Chair for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Binta Mansaray, Sierra Leone; and Ms. Habiba Dalil, Afghanistan. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator, a.i. The theme of this year's launch is "Women and War".

World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and LoveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.15 a.m.

4238th meeting*

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

* Open briefing.

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Third plenary session

10 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 7

3 p.m. -
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.

74th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38]
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39)

(continued overleaf)

2. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)]
3. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43/Rev.1) [33]
4. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37]
5. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174]

3 p.m. 75th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 38th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries [92 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.2 and L.41

2. Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity [95 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.20 and L.44

3. Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1

4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101] (A/55/74, 139, 315, 375 and 459 and A/C.2/55/6)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. 39th meeting Conference Room 2

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101] (A/55/74, 139, 315, 375 and 459 and A/C.2/55/6)

Conclusion of general discussion

Action on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/55/L.45

Afternoon*-
6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.19 (item 92 (a)) and L.24 (item 97)

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)) and a draft Chairman's text on agenda item 102

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.39 (item 94 (a)), L.17 (item 95 (a)), L.21 (item 95 (d)) and L.18 (item 99)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 3

- 1 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.9

- 2 Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.10

- 3 Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502 and A/55/507 and Add.1)

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/55/15)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/629)

Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice (A/C.5/55/21 and A/55/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

- 4 Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 chaps. I, VII, (sects. B and C), and IX)

Morning* - 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 138 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)) and 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479))

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.* - 6.30 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*International Day of Solidarity with the
Palestinian People*

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 255th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 4

3 p.m. - informal consultations Trusteeship
6 p.m. (closed) Council Chamber

Informal consultations on financial regulations and rules

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. Room 1

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the report of the Panel on the United Nations Peace Operations
2. Capital master plan

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - Economic and Social
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

3 p.m. - Economic and Social
6 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 29 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 29 November 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - Conference
10 a.m. closed meeting Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 20)

1 15 p.m. - Conference
2 45 p.m. closed meeting Room 6

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - Conference
2 45 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on A/C.2/55/L.36)

3 p.m. - Conference
4 p.m. closed meeting Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on A/C.2/55/L.4 and L.22)

6 p.m. - Conference
8 p.m. closed meeting Room 6

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, today, 29 November 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 3

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocations of items:
request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/238) [8]

3 p.m. 76th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

The 2000 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoele (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level) on Thursday, 30 November 2000, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

There will be a closed meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 30 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is today, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 28 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4236th meeting

The situation in East Timor

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Argentina, Canada, China, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Jamaica, Mali and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. Vieira de Mello responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4237th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator ad interim, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Emergency Relief Coordinator ad interim, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Canada, Argentina, France, Namibia, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Jamaica, Malaysia and Mali, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Ms. McAskie responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

The representative of Namibia made a further statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

73rd plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action [47]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/542)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.1)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 47.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slove-

nia) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Canada, Japan, Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United States, the Philippines, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Peru, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Cambodia, Slovenia, Nicaragua, Argentina, Croatia, China and Israel.

In accordance with its decision taken earlier at the same meeting, the General Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 5 December 2000, to Friday, 15 December 2000.

Programme of work

The President informed the Assembly that it would take up agenda item 43 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development) on Monday, 4 December, in the morning. The President also informed the Assembly that it would consider the reports of the Sixth Committee on Tuesday, 12 December, in the morning.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2000

78th and 79th (closed) meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on Belgium.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2001

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

*Ratification. Samoa (27 November 2000)**

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from *today*, 29 November, to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. *today*, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown *today*, 29 November 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

DPI/NGO Briefing

In connection with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, the topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing will be "International Day of Disabled Persons: Making Information Technologies Work for All". The briefing will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., in Conference Room 4. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, and the media invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (NGO Section, DPI (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.